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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

State of South Carolina  
Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Bureau of Water  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Public Notice Number DHEC-08-C-001

August 8, 2008

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has received an application for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341).

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) operates the Catawba-Wateree Hydroelectric Project (Project), which is licensed as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2232. Duke is required to obtain a new license from the FERC in order to continue operating the Project. The current license expires August 31, 2008.

The Application for a new license was submitted to the FERC on August 29, 2006, along with a Comprehensive Relicensing Agreement (CRA), signed by 70 stakeholder organizations. The subject of this WQC is the continued operation of the Project under a new FERC-issued license and consistent with applicable sections of the Catawba-Wateree CRA.

More information, including a copy (PDF) of Duke's complete WQC application package with maps and a detailed description of the project can be found at the link below. You may also request a copy of the application package on CD. Duke's License Application to the FERC and the CRA are available on the FERC e-library webpage by using the Project No. 2232.

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/cwferc401.htm>

This public notice is being distributed to interested persons and agencies to gain comments, which will aid the SCDHEC in making a final decision regarding the project. All comments and data in support or opposition to the project should be submitted in writing to:

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Division of Water Quality  
Attn: Rusty Wenerick  
2600 Bull St  
Columbia SC 29201

Comments will be received at the above address until October 7, 2008.